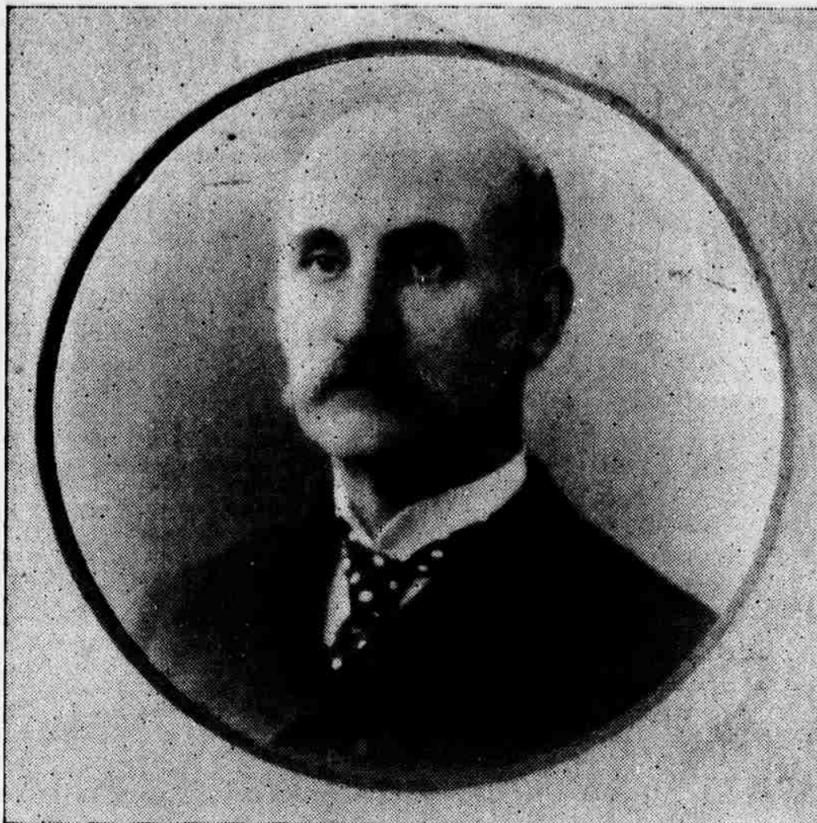


fillment of its obligations. Those acquainted with the fearless administration of public affairs given by Mr. Fellows as mayor of the city of Scranton do not need to be told that John H. Fellows possesses these qualities, and that when elected sheriff he will discharge his obligations without fear or favor.

WILLIAM R. LEWIS.

William R. Lewis, esq., is the choice of the Republican voters of Lackawanna county, as expressed at the primaries last June, to fill the office of district attorney. Since infancy Mr. Lewis has been a resident of Scranton. Until 15 years of age he attended the



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Hon. Joseph A. Scranton, the Republican candidate for the office of county treasurer, comes before the people this year with a record of one-third of a century in the service of his party and the public in general. Mr. Scranton's career in politics is almost co-temporary with the history of the Republican party in this section of the state. When he espoused the cause of Republicanism and commenced to devote his personal energies and the resources of his newspaper to the propagation of Republican principles, old Luzerne county, which comprised what is now Lackawanna, was hopelessly Democratic. Probably no individual had more to do with changing these conditions than Mr. Scranton. For years he led the forlorn hope until at last it was not so forlorn, and it finally became triumphant.

No person is entitled to more credit than he for the evangelization of this section in the interests of Republicanism. Now that the party is the dominant factor in our politics it is difficult to realize what it meant to be a Republican when the old county rolled up its majorities of six and seven thousand for Democracy.

Aside from his party service Mr. Scranton presents a record of ten years in congress, during which time he left nothing undone to advance the interests of this district. His career in congress was at a great personal sacrifice. While it was a post of honor, it cannot be said to have been one of emolument. By his service in the national legislature Mr. Scranton increased the obligations of the people of the county to him. These obligations may be paid in a small degree by electing him to the office for which his party has nominated him. No man on the ticket has a stronger claim for the hearty support of the Republicans of this county than Mr. Scranton.

public schools of this city when circumstances required him to earn a livelihood. For two years after leaving the public schools he was employed in and about the Woodward mines in Kingston.

In 1884 he entered the Bloomsburg State Normal school, from which institution he graduated in 1886. In the fall of 1886 Mr. Lewis entered the prothonotary's office of Lackawanna county during T. H. Dale's incumbency and remained in his employ as deputy until his retirement from that office on the first Monday in January, 1892. His leisure moments during his employment in the prothonotary's office were devoted to the study of law under Messrs. Gunster & Welles. After leaving the prothonotary's office he devoted his entire time and attention to the reading of law under the direction of Hon. Alfred Hand and William J. Hand, esq., and was admitted to the practice of law in this county in September, 1893.

On the first day of January, 1894, he, with H. L. Taylor, esq., organized the successful firm of Taylor & Lewis. Mr. Lewis is also a member of the Superior and Supreme courts of Pennsylvania and of the United States Circuit court. He has always been an energetic and consistent Republican.

No citizen who has been an attentive observer of the process of justice as administered in our criminal courts needs to be told that the district attorneyship is an office of the very first importance. The man who holds it is practically the master of the fate of persons charged with crimes. Upon his honesty, diligence and professional skill depend to a large extent whether the guilty shall be punished or the innocent go free.

The jury, it is true, passes finally on all questions of fact; but the jury can consider only such facts as are placed before it. The district attorney, with command over an elaborate machinery of detection which enables him both night and day to watch the actions of suspects and piece together the frag-

ments of evidence essential to convictions, possesses power which in incompetent or dishonest hands nullifies the sanctity of our courts and constitutes a menace to every citizen. It is vitally important, therefore, that the holder of this influential and difficult office should be both a skilled lawyer and a clean-cut, straightforward man of affairs, in whom every upright person may repose complete confidence.

Such a man the Republicans of our county by a flattering plurality vote have nominated in the person of William R. Lewis. He is as straight as a gun barrel, and as keen as a fox. Young, alert and energetic, he typifies the best blood in our younger Republicanism and attracts to his support every admirer of ability and character. He has been long enough in the law to prove his mettle. He is thoroughly familiar with the workings of the courts, its people and conditions, and he is untrammelled. A vote for William R. Lewis for district attorney will be a vote for justice.

JOHN COPELAND.

When political parties, which are only organizations of the sovereign people, present to the public candidates for approval for any particular office or trust it is incumbent upon them to state clearly and plainly the reasons which actuate them in their choice. This is the people's right and experience has taught and political parties recognize that in a wise selection of candidates lies the principal element of success at the polls.

The candidacy of John Copeland, of Carbondale, for the office of prothonotary, for a second term, was the result of the wisdom of the Republican party as expressed at the county primaries, and therein the party made no mistake.

Mr. Copeland belongs to that sturdy class of citizens who nowadays are called self-made men; that is men,

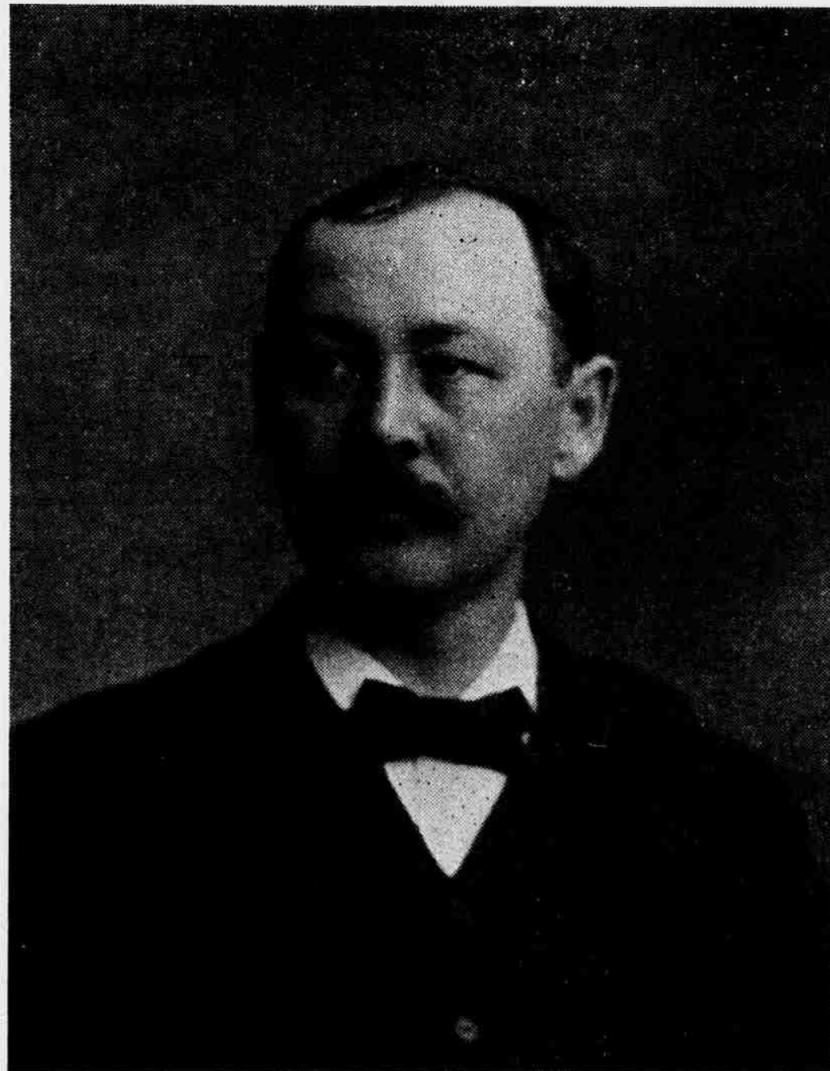
who, with but few early advantages, by untiring energy and steadfast integrity have acquired well-deserved prominence in life. He comes of that sturdy Scotch ancestry which has everywhere shown itself in the progressive development of our country. He was born in Scotland. His father, James Copeland, came to Carbondale before the sixties and immediately found employment with the Delaware & Hudson Canal company, in which he remained until his voluntary retirement several years ago.

Up to the age of 13 John Copeland attended the public schools of Carbondale. He was the eldest of a large family, and at that age left school and became a trainman or "runner" on the old Gravity road. He continued in that position for a number of years, aiding in the support of the family and at the same time diligently fitting himself for a better position, an opportunity for which he found in the night schools.

Such was the early life of John Copeland. Later he became a brakeman and then a conductor on the locomotive road between Scranton and Carbondale. In 1873 he was appointed general yardmaster of the Carbondale yard, having full charge of all trains, both Erie and Delaware & Hudson.

Mr. Copeland's elevation from "runner" on the Gravity to brakeman, then conductor, and finally to the responsible position of general yardmaster, was solely the result of merit. In all his varied experience in life he has never failed to do his duty to his employers, and throughout his whole life his relations with his fellow railroad men have always been the most cordial.

These are some of the reasons which actuated the Republican county convention three years ago in their choice of John Copeland as prothonotary. He was elected to that office on Nov. 2, 1897, by a handsome plurality, securing the party vote all through Lackawanna county and a goodly portion of Demo-



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